

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 9, 11, and 14 have been canceled.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 3-8, 10, 15, 16, and 20-27 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1, 3-8, 10, 15, 16, and 20-27.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 10, 14, and 20-22 are objected to for containing informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims render these objections moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,246,426 to Lewis *et al.* Claim 9 and 11 have been canceled. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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